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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Application No. : 09/773,241  
 Applicant(s) : John C. Molander et al.  
 Filed : January 31, 2001  
 Title : Absorbent Article with Tension-Dividing Side Panels  
 TC/A.U. : 3761  
 Examiner : Michele M. Kidwell  
 Conf. No. : 6142  
 Docket No. : 8409  
 Customer No. : 27752

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)**

Commissioner for Patents  
 P. O. Box 1450  
 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450  
 Dear Sir:

This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a reply in the above-identified application.

The requested extension and fee are as follows:

Two months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(2)) \$450.00

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account Number 16-2480.

A duplicate copy of this petition is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

**THE PROCTER & GAMBLE COMPANY**

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